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In re Application of Bates et al. :  
Application No. 09/592,308 :  
Filing Date: June 13, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No. ROC920000014 :

Decision on Petition

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed January 17, 2007, to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

The petition is **granted**.

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed March 10, 2006. The Notice set a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month or thirty (30) days (whichever is later).

The Office failed to receive a reply to the Notice. As a result, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed December 12, 2006.

The instant petition establishes non-receipt of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Therefore, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

The address given on the petition differs from the address of record. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

Technology Center Art Unit 2176 will be informed of the instant decision and the examiner will consider the amendment filed January 17, 2007, in due course.

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